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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Herman VAN MELLAERT et al. Group Art Unit: 1638 Examiner: Anne R. Kubelik Application No.: 09/661,016 Filed: September 13, 2000 Confirmation No.: 1768 For: RECOMBINANT PLANT EXPRESSING) NON-COMPETITIVELY BINDING Bt INSECTICIDAL CRYSTAL PROTEINS AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. [X]A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the [] requisite Government fee are also enclosed. Also enclosed is _____ [] Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). [] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is

[] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

[X] No additional claim fee is required.

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An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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